

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 6, 8, 14, and 21 are amended and claims 5, 9, and 22 are canceled. No new matters introduced. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Tran for the courtesies extended to applicant's representative, John Harrop, during a November 30, 2004 personal interview. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the remarks that follow.

On page 9 the Office Action states that claim 22 is allowed.

The Office Action: rejects claims 1-4, 10-11, 14-19, 21 and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,446,118 to Gottlieb (hereafter Gottlieb); rejects claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gottlieb in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,255,800 to Bork (hereafter Bork); rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gottlieb in view of Bork and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,731,814 to Becker et al. (hereafter Becker); and rejects claims 12-13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Gottlieb in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,218 to Kita (hereafter Kita). These rejections are all respectfully traversed.

Claim 1

On page 2 of the Office Action asserts that Gottlieb discloses the notification device and base station recited in claim 1. As discussed during the personal interview, Gottlieb does not disclose or suggest a base station that includes a cradle for receiving at least a portion of the notification device where the cradle detects whether the notification device is in the cradle and wherein when the notification device is in the cradle, the notification device enters an idle state.

Claim 1, as amended, recites a base station that includes a cradle for receiving at least a portion of the notification device, the cradle detecting whether the notification device is in the cradle, and wherein when the notification device is in the cradle, the notification device enters an idle state. These features were originally in claims 5 and 9, which are now canceled. As will be discussed below with respect to the rejection of claim 9, these features are not disclosed or suggested by any of the references cited in this Office Action. Because Gottlieb, in combination with any of the other references cited in the Office Action, does not disclose or suggest all the features of amended claim 1, claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 2-4, 10, and 11 depend from patentable claim 1. For this reason and the additional features they recite, claims 2-4, 10, and 11 are also patentable.

Claim 14

On page 3 the Office Action asserts that Gottlieb discloses all of the elements of independent claim 14.

Claim 14 is amended in a manner similar to amended claim 1. In particular, claim 14 as amended now recites a microprocessor that comprises a notification device interface module capable of receiving a signal indicating when the notification device is in or out of the cradle wherein the notification device is in the cradle, notification of events are not reported to the notification device. This feature is supported at least in originally filed dependent claim 22 and in the specification at page 5, lines 25-32. As discussed below with respect to claim 21, the feature of not reporting notification events to the notification device when the notification device is in the cradle is not disclosed or suggested by Gottlieb or any other references recited in the Office Action. Accordingly, claim 14 is also patentable. Claims 15-19 depend from patentable claim 14, and for this reason and the additional features they recite, claims 15-19 are also patentable.

Claim 21

On page 4 the Office Action asserts that Gottlieb discloses all the elements of claim 21.

Claim 21 is amended to incorporate all the features of allowed claim 22. Accordingly, claim 21 as amended, is also patentable. Claims 23-25 depend from patentable claim 21, and for this reason and additional features they recite, claims 23-25 are also patentable.

In view of the above described amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-4, 10-11, 14-19, 21, and 23-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a).

Claims 5-8

Claim 5 is canceled. Hence the rejection of claim 5 is moot. Claims 6-8 depend from patentable claim 1, and for this reason and the additional features they recite, claims 6-8 are also patentable. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim 9

On page 7 the Office Action asserts that in the modified Gottlieb system, Bork further discloses the system wherein the notification device is in a cradle. However, the Office Action admits that Bork does not specifically disclose when the notification device is in the cradle, that the notification device enters an idle state. The Office Action then asserts that

Becker teaches that when the notification device is in the cradle, the notification device enters an idle state. Applicants respectfully disagree with this characterization of the references.

Becker is directed to a computer controlled cordless telephone system that provides a controlled power up/power down mode of operation for the handset of the cordless telephone. Note in the Abstract,

“power to a computer, a receiver and certain other selected circuitry in the handset unit is controlled to minimize power consumption when the handset unit is in and out-of-cradle-and-standby state.” (emphasis added).

As discussed during the personal interview, while Becker may indeed disclose an idle state, Becker specifically initiates such a state only when the handset unit is not in a cradle. This use of this state is further disclosed and described in Becker with respect to figure 3 and the accompanying description.

In contrast to Becker, claim 9, as originally filed, recites when the notification device is in the cradle, the notification device enters an idle state. As discussed above, this feature is not disclosed or suggested by Becker, nor by any of the other references cited in the Office Action. This feature of claim 9 is now incorporated into amended claim 1, and as noted above, claim 1 is thus patentable.

Claim 9 is canceled and its rejection is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-13 and 20

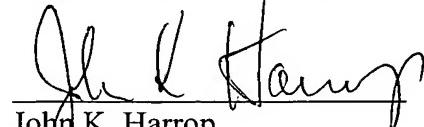
Claims 12 and 13 depend from patentable claim 1, and claim 20 depends from patentable claim 14. For these reasons and additional features they recite, claims 12, 13, and 20 are also patentable. Withdrawal of rejection of claims 12, 13 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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